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Subj: WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

- Ref:
- (a) Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan, 2007-2011
 - (b) DODI 6055.06, DoD Fire and Emergency Services Program, December 21, 2006
 - (c) Federal Wildland Fire Policy and Program Review, December 1995
 - (d) Review and Update of the 1995 Federal Wildland fire Management Policy, January 2001
 - (e) Wildland Fire Qualification System Guide (PMS 310-1), April 2006
 - (f) BO 11320.1L, Fire Regulations
 - (g) BO P3570.1B, Range and Training Regulations

1. Situation. The Base is tasked with providing a safe and effective training environment for Fleet Marine Forces, now and into the future. In order to sustain and enhance the high quality training environment that Marines deserve, the Base must have an effective wildland fire management program. An effective wildland fire program will minimize threat from wildfire and conserve natural resources, including rare and endangered species, thereby helping ensure that environmental encroachments to training will be minimized. In accordance with reference (a), the wildland fire management program is responsible for assisting in the control of wildfires and for the planning and implementation of the annual prescribed burning plan. As required by reference (b), this Order provides guidance for preparedness and response to wildland fires.

2. Mission

a. Background. After the deaths of fourteen (14) federal Wildland Fire Fighters at Storm King Mountain, Colorado in 1994, non Department of Defense (DoD) agencies, led by the Department of Interior (DOI), produced a Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy and Program Review in December 1995 (reference (c)).

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b. In June 2000, the DOI commissioned a new review of the Federal Wildland Fire Policy (reference (d)). In recognition of the vast landholdings and wildland fire issues within the Department of Defense, DoD was asked to participate in this review process. The review of the Federal Wildland Fire Management Policy and Program Review of 1995 was completed and forwarded to the Secretaries of the Interior, Agriculture, Energy, Defense, Commerce; the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency; and the Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency, in January 2001.

c. A key element addressed by both references (c) and (d) is the need to abide by effective standards for wildland fire training, personal protective equipment, and fitness.

d. Reference (b) instructs DoD agencies to prepare and respond to wildland fires in accordance with reference (c), subsequently modified by reference (d).

e. The National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG), established by Memoranda of Understanding between the Departments of Agriculture and Interior, provides implementation guidance for the various standards and policies as set forth in reference (d). Reference (e) is produced by the NWCG and sets minimum qualification standards to participating agencies.

f. Common, Interagency Fire Management Language. As reflected in reference (d), and for the purpose of this Order, the following definition and policies apply:

(1) Fire Management and Ecosystem Sustainability. The full range of fire management activities will be used to achieve ecosystem sustainability.

(2) Wildland Fire. Any non-structural fire occurring in the wildland. There are three distinct types of wildland fire:

(a) Wildland Fire Use. An unplanned naturally occurring fire that is allowed to burn for resource benefit under defined weather and other prescription parameters. The extent and/or duration of the fire must be determined during initial fire size-up. Fires burning beyond these criteria will be declared wildfires and suppressed.

(b) Wildfire. An unplanned, unwanted fire in the wildland.

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This includes escaped prescribed burns and wildland fire use fires that burn out of prescription and are declared wildfires. A wildfire cannot meet the definition of a Wildland Fire Use fire.

(c) Prescribed Fire. A fire ignited by fire management personnel to achieve specific resource objectives.

(3) Safety. The first priority of any Wildland Fire Management Program is the safety of its firefighters and public. All plans and activities must reflect this commitment.

(4) Use of Wildland fire. To the greatest extent possible, fire will be allowed to function in its natural ecological role.

(5) Wildland Urban Interface. The area in which structures and other development meet or are adjacent to wildland vegetation and are subject to wildfire.

(6) Work Capacity Test. Test administered to ensure that personnel participating in wildland fire management activities meet established physical fitness level.

3. Execution. As directed by reference (b), this Order establishes reference (d) as the guiding document for non-Fire and Emergency Service Division personnel involved in wildland fire management activities aboard Base. In addition, this Order implements the standards established in reference (e) for personal protection equipment, physical fitness training and position qualification standards for non-Fire and Emergency Service Division personnel tasked with wildland fire management responsibilities. Any person engaged in wildland fire management activities will be fully qualified to fulfill the duties of their fireline position. Personnel, other than the Fire and Emergency Service Division, will be qualified according to National Wildfire Coordinating Group (NWCG) and Base qualification standards. Qualification includes the completion of a position task book, the completion of annual wildland fire refresher training and successful completion of an annual work capacity test. Fire and Emergency Service Division personnel will comply with the provisions and requirements of reference (b) as it relates to wildland fire management.

a. Director, Installations and Environment Department (I&E). The Head, Environmental Conservation Branch and the Manager of the Forestry Protection Section will ensure the following:

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(1) That personnel assigned wildland fire management responsibilities are qualified for assigned positions.

(2) That position task books are maintained to document fire qualifications for any personnel hired after the signing of this Order and for any new qualifications for current employees.

(3) That an annual work capacity test is administered for personnel involved in wildland fire management activities.

(4) That all EMD personnel actively involved in wildland fire management test at the moderate fitness level of above (reference (e)).

(5) That all fire management personnel attend annual wildland fire refresher training. Training will include the deployment of a fire shelter.

(6) That fire management activities are implemented as per the Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan (reference (a)).

(7) That the Base Fire and Emergency Services Division is provided a recall roster for wildland fire management personnel.

(8) That NWCG requirements are reviewed and Base procedures are updated as requirements change.

(9) That personnel are provided adequate time during the work day for physical fitness training to maintain fitness requirements of their wildland fire management positions.

(10) That response to wildland fire incidents is carried out as required in references (b) and (f).

b. Director, Training and Operations Department (T&O). The Range Control office will:

(1) On a daily basis, obtain the Fire Readiness Plan from the Base Fire Protection Division and disseminate to units training in the field.

(2) As required by reference (g), ensure that the Fire Readiness Plan training restrictions are disseminated.

(3) Report all fires occurring in ranges or maneuver areas to the Base Fire and Emergency Services Division.

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c. Director, Installation Security and Safety Department (ISS). The Base Fire Chief will ensure that:

(1) Base Fire and Emergency Services Division Personnel comply with the qualification requirements of reference (b), for wildland fire activities.

(2) The Base Fire and Emergency Services Division will continue in its wildland fire responsibilities as per reference (b), for wildland fire activities.

(3) The Base Fire and Emergency Services Division maintains a recall roster of Environmental Management Division wildland fire management personnel, for off duty recall/dispatching.

(4) The Base Fire and Emergency Services Divisions 911 Center obtains the current day fire danger condition from the North Carolina Forest Service District 4 office, (252) 514-4764, and reports the fire danger condition to the Base Range Control Officer.

4. Administration and Logistics. This Order falls under the cognizance of the Commanding Officer, MCB, Camp Lejeune and can be modified and waived as the Commanding Officer deems necessary and appropriate to support requirements as they develop.

5. Command and Signal

a. Command. This Order is applicable to all personnel aboard Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune.

b. Signal. This Order is effective the date signed.



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